

Date: April 12, 2007

Location: Wheat MT Time: 12:00-1:30

Presentation: Sue Taylor "Creativity in the Work Place"

Introduction of members

Members Present:

Theresa Jones, St. Luke Hospital; Patti Patterson, Job Service; Todd Erickson, Job Service; Mike McReynolds, UPS Store; Paula Weaver, DRS TSI, Inc; Adina Fox, Ronan Telephone; Lettie Neuman, Kicking Horse Job Corps; Donna Mitchell, Kicking Horse Job Corps; Karen Dellwo, First Interstate Bank; Debra Krantz, Job Service.

<u>Members Absent/Excused</u>: Michelle Cope, Polson Chamber; Rick Molenda, Western Bee; Emily Peck, Polson High School; Nikki Montesano, Jore; David Sande, Jr, Evergreen; Jim Hinshaw, Country Foods; Mike Shoquist, Job Service; Marilyn Becker, Office of Public Assistance; Audi Moran, S&K Technologies; Wayne Fuchs, St. Luke Hospital, Pat Hulla, Job Service; Tina Oliphant, Lake County Community Development.

Treasurer Report: \$2,411.60

Approval of March minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Old business:

• Job Fair update. The Job Fair Committee has been meeting and getting employer participation. The Polson Chamber has budgeted \$1000 to advertise in the newspaper and on the radio. Information has also been distributed to the colleges. The Committee is also getting packets together for the employers that attend the Job Fair, which will include a survey. In the future the Committee hopes to partner with a local employers and/or the school and possibly host a Job Fair at KwataqNuk Resort or at Salish Kootenai College. The Committee members and Ken Avison from The Cove Deli will be going into Polson High School prior to the Job Fair and meeting with the 10th grade English classes. They will go over the applications, resumes, and interviews. The Job Fair is Wednesday, April 25th, 2007 from 2:00-6:00 pm @ Polson High School, the general public is invited. The Job Fair is also listed on the Job Service website as well as the Polson Chamber website. Some of the employers and programs that have confirmed

attendance are: Flathead Raft & Skate; S&K Electronics; Lee Lodge; CSKT DNRC Fire Division; Plum Creek; LC Staffing; Mission Mountain Enterprises; Valley Bank; McDonald's; Mission Valley Auto and Three Dog Down; plus the military, MT Apprenticeship programs, Job Corps; Vocational Rehabilitation; and FVCC.

• Scholarship deadline is Friday, April 13, 2007. Patti reported that only one completed application has been received to date.

New business:

• State JSEC conference is May 21- May 24, 2007 in Bozeman. Todd discussed the program that will be presented on May 22, 2007 "Montana Innovation in Business Day" Speaker: John G. Miller, author of the best selling "QBQ! The Question Behind the Question" and the new "Flipping the Switch" All employers are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending the conference please contact Todd Erickson @ 883-7885 or Patti Patterson @ 883-7883.

Round Table:

Theresa Jones from St. Luke reported on the expansion of the hospital. At this time the only issue is the City water pressure. Discussion was held on the location and the increase in the cost of the expansion due to the delays in breaking ground. It appears that most people are for the expansion & in agreement.

Paula Weaver reported that the official name came through on March 19th, DRS TSI, INC. Paula has been traveling the last several months and has been very busy. DRS TSI, Inc has 93 employees at the Polson location.

Karen Dellwo reported on the Mini Banks program. They are going well. This is the fourth year for the Polson Middle School, the first year for Polson High School and Linderman School.

At our next meeting the Scholarship winner(s) will be announced. It was asked if Blanche Rohrenbach should be invited. It was agreed by the committee; Todd will invite Blanche to attend the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 10, 2007 Time: 12:00-1:30

Location: Ronan, St. Luke Clinic Conference Room. Across from the hospital downstairs. Lunch will be catered. Cost is \$6.00 each. Please RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.